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| Title of Application: | Device for Introducing a Suture Thread Anchor into a Bone |
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Response to Final Official Action

This is a Response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed July 25, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed October 10, 2008. Please enter this Response in the above-referenced application. The Response is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with the appropriate fees therefor. Applicant believes that no further fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any further fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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